

HOUSE RESOLUTION 322

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Rosemary Winters upon receiving the Susan B. Anthony Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Winters is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Winters is the recipient of the prestigious Susan B. Anthony Award for her outstanding contributions in the area of women's issues, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the acclaimed award is presented by the Tennessee Education Association's (TEA) Status of Women in Education Committee, who will honor the recipients with a luncheon at TEA headquarters on May 9, 2008; Rosemary Winters will also be introduced to the TEA Representative Assembly later that night; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Winters received her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Bethune Cookman College and an endorsement in special education from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Winters has been a highly regarded special education teacher at Ford Road Elementary School in the Memphis City School District for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Winters is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Winters is a staunch advocate in her profession, tirelessly serving in numerous professional and community organizations in an effort to raise awareness of education issues; she is a member of the M-Pace Council, in which she is an advocate for major educational concerns; participated in the National Education Association Minority Affairs Conference, promoting awareness of women through diversity; is a member of the Emerging Leaders Academy, which is sponsored by the Memphis Education Association; she works with the New Teacher Committee of the TEA; and promotes professionalism and the mentoring of women in education; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work on educational issues, Ms. Winters still finds time to donate her incredible talents to such worthy causes as the Beta Epsilon Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; the Civil Rights Museum, of which she is a member and stands as the Secretary of the Oversight Committee; the Democratic Party; the National Action Network; Girls, Inc. and the Girl Scouts; and for the Shelby County Election Commission, which she serves as a judge; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Winters possesses a beautiful voice, and she has demonstrated her amazing singing abilities as a past member of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra Choir, the Fannie Clark and the Tennessee Mass Choir, and the Debra Davis and Gospel Family; and

WHEREAS, she evinces a deep and abiding faith at the Christ Missionary Church, where she serves as a Sunday school teacher, sings in the church choir, and is active in the guardian angel and youth ministries; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Winters epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Winters truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Rosemary Winters upon her receipt of the Susan B. Anthony Award, commend her

exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.